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PATENT

Customer Number 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 2734.442-02

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Steven L. EDWARDS et al.)
Serial No.: 09/987,248) Group Art Unit: 1731
Filed: November 14, 2001) Examiner: J. Fortuna
For: METHOD FOR MAXIMIZING)
WATER REMOVAL IN A)
PRESS NIP)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

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AMENDMENT

In response to the Examiner's Communication dated April 25, 2002, please
amend the application as follows:

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please amend Figures 1, 4, and 5 to include the designation: "prior art."
Marked up copies of the drawings in red have been provided. The applicants
respectfully request the Examiner's acceptance of the proposed drawing revisions.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 38-42, without prejudice, and add the following new claims:

52. An apparatus for forming an absorbent paper sheet product comprising:

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